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| 7. Director, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad | Member |
| 8. Collector, Thane | Member |
| 9. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Mumbai | Member |
| 10. Shri Vilas Vichare, Representative of Non-Governmental Organisation | Member |
| 11. Shri V.W. Deshpande, Deputy Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai | Member Secy. |

(c) and (d) Member Secretary of the Authority has informed that no Meetings have taken place so far.

Cotton Research Centre

2581. SHRI RAJA RANGAPPA NAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for dropping the sanctioned Cotton Research Centre at Raichur in the current Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the Government have finally decided to include the Cotton Research Centre project at Raichur in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, whether the required data and feedback already prepared during the current Five Year Plan will be made use off for setting up the said Centre?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Cotton has 27 centres in different agro-climatic zones of the country and, therefore, the proposal for new centres have not been agreed to. However, it is proposed to include a centre under AICRP (Cotton) at Raichur in the IXth Plan depending on final approval of the Planning Commission.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Modernisation of Sugar Mills

2582. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the name of sugar mills which received financial assistance from the Sugar Development Fund for modernisation during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the name of the sugar mills where the work of modernisation and rehabilitation was undertaken in the last two years, State-wise;

(c) the names of those mills where the modernisation work could not completed in time, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against such mills?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) A total of 25 sugar mills have received financial assistance from Sugar Development Fund for modernisation during the last two years. A statewide list is enclosed as statement.

(b) The Modernisation/rehabilitation work is spread over a time span and it is monitored by the Financial Institutions. The Financial assistance from SDF for modernisation is normally given in two instalments. The second instalment is released only after ascertaining that the first instalment has been properly utilised on the various approved modernisation and rehabilitation works out of the 25 sugar mills who received financial assistance during the last two years, 24 have already received full amount of assistance. The assistance so released is under various stages of utilisation.

(c) and (d) Though there is no specific time schedule prescribed in the sanction order for the modernisation schemes, yet efforts are made to see that these are completed within a reasonable period of time. As per reports available all the modernisation schemes taken up during last two years are under different stages of implementation and no inordinate delay has been reported in any of the cases.

Statement

Statewise List of Sugar Mills who received Financial assistance from the Sugar Development Fund during 1994-95 and 1995-96.

BIHAR

1. M/s. Harinagar Sugar Mills Ltd.
P.O : West Champaran, Bihar.
2. M/s. Riga Sugar Co. Ltd., Riga
Dist : Sitamarhi, Bihar.
3. M/s. Vishnu Sugar Mills Ltd.

KARNATAKA

1. M/s. Shree Doodhganga SSK Ltd.

MAHARASHTRA

1. M/s. Vasant SSK Ltd., Pusad,
Dist : Yavatmal, Maharashtra.
2. M/s. Bhogawati SSK Ltd.,
Shahunagar, Kolhapur Dist.
3. M/s. Chhatrapati Shahu SSK Ltd.,
Kagal, Dist. Kolhapur
4. M/s Vrideshwat SSK Ltd.,
Adinathnagar, Dist : Ahmednagar
5. M/s. Daulat SSK Ltd., Chandgad
Dist : Kolhapur

6. M/s. Kannad SSK Ltd., Mahatmaphulenagar,
Tal : Kannad, Dist : Aurangabad.

GUJARAT

1. M/s. Khedut Sahakari Khand
Udyog Mandi Ltd., Bardoli
Dist : Surat

TAMIL NADU

1. M/s. Kalakurichi Coop. Sugar
Mills Ltd., Dist : South Arcot
2. M/s. N.P.K.R.R. Coop. Sugar
Mills Ltd., Mayiladuthurai.

UTTAR PRADESH

1. M/s. The U.P. State Sugar
Corpn. Ltd., Unit : Saharanpur
2. M/s. The Kisan Sahakari Chini
Mills Ltd., Unit : Gajaraula,
Dist : Moradabad.
3. M/s. Kisan Sahkari Chini
Mills Ltd., Unit : Tilhar
Dist : Shahjahanpur.
4. M/s. Ganga Kisan Sahkari Chini
Mills Ltd., Unit : Morna
5. M/s. Kisan Sahkari Chini Mills
Ltd., Ghosi, Dist : Mau
6. M/s. Khalilabad Sugar Mills
Pvt. Ltd., Khalilabad, Basti
7. M/s. Ajudhia Sugar Mills
Raja-ka-sahaspur, Moradabad
8. M/s. Gangoshwat Ltd., Deoband,
Dist : Saharanpur
9. M/s. Kanoria Sugar & Gen. Mfg.
Co. Ltd., Captainganj, Deoria
10. M/s. Pratappur Sugar & Industries
Ltd., Pratappur, Dist. Deoria
11. M/s. K.M. Sugar Mills Ltd.,
Motinagar, Dist : Faizabad

ORISSA

1. M/s. Aska Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.
Naugam, Dist : Ganjam

Job Opportunities for Linguistic Minorities

2583. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the safeguards being extended to the linguistic minorities in regard to the job opportunities in their respective States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Sir, there are no provision under the Constitution to extended safeguard to the linguistic minorities in regard to the job opportunities in their respective States.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Additions to S.T. List

2584. SHRI MAHENDRA KARMA :
SHRI TILAK RAJ SINGH :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a representation for inclusion of Mahra Community of Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh in the list of Scheduled Tribes has been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) Shri Mahendra Karma, M.P. in a reference has suggested inclusion of Mahra of Bastar in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Madhya Pradesh on the ground that they live along with tribals.

(c) Government of Madhya Pradesh and Registrar General of India in their reports have recommended for its inclusion in Scheduled Caste list as a synonym of Mahar, Mehra, community appearing at serial number 36 of the list of Scheduled Castes of Madhya Pradesh.

[English]

Import of Wheat

2585. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :
PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR' :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of wheat imported from Australia and Canada so far and its F.O.B. cost per tonne;

(b) the circumstances leading to this import and position of the buffer stock at present;

(c) the manner in which the imported wheat compares with the locally procured wheat; and

(d) the manner in which it will be disposed off and the price at which it will be issued to the public?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) :
(a) A quantity of 15.75 lakh tonnes of wheat has been